The Female Tatler.

Written by a Society of Ladies.

Scire tuum nihil eſt, niſi te Scire hoc ſciat alter.

From Wednesday November 16, to Friday November 18, 1709.

Artesia's Day.

From my Cloſet.

NO Qualification has all along been more deſervedly eſteem'd among the Learned, than that eaſineſs and plainneſs with which Great Men are obſerv'd to expreſs themſelves, and to unfold the reſult of their Studious Thoughts. It is that, by which the exalted Notions of Philoſophy have been made uſeful to the Publick: What Benefit would the moſt excellent Syſtem of the Creation have been to us in the Brain of *Deſcartes*, if that Famous Man had not laid it down ſo intelligibly? And not only in Philoſophy but in all Arts and Sciences, a Man's Knowledge can do but little good either to himſelf or others, if no body beſides himſelf is acquainted with his poſſeſſing of it. This is the reaſon why your Publick Spirited People are ſo indefatigable in expoſing their Abilities to the World, as we may ſee by the Croud of Advertiſements that are daily annexed to all manner of News Papers, and to find out how effectually this Compendious way of Writing informs our Underſtandings, we need but conſider, how the whole Nation, at preſent, ſeems to be perſwaded of the Skill and many years Experience of ſome Artiſts, that but a little while ago were altogether Ignorant themſelves of having either. What Man or Woman, that knows any of the *Circumforanean* Company, would ever ſuſpect, that ſeveral of 'em had found out ſuch infallible Remedies for moſt Diſeaſes? Or what Mortal that has heard 'em ſpeak, would be perſwaded to believe, that their Knowledge exceeded that of the whole College of *Phyſicians*, tho' the latter had never ſo little, if all the Advices we daily receive from their own Apartments, did not ſo unanimouſly confirm it? As for my part, I can never look upon the Grand Oculiſt, and the ſo often repeated Story of *Jones* at *Newington Butts*, but I think on the Cure of Blindneſs, and often cry out, Happy are they that can ſee to read it! It muſt be a real pleaſure to thoſe deſerving Men, always to meet not only with ſuch an uninterrupted Series of Succeſs, but likewiſe Patients of ſo grateful and obliging a Temper, that they'll condeſcend to have their Names and Infirmities expoſed to the Publick, rather than ſuffer the Merits of their Doctor to remain unregarded. It is true, that thoſe Doctors commonly paying for the Printing of the Advertiſements themſelves, it has been hinted by the Diſingenuous, as if it was poſſible, that People might be hired to Sign thoſe Certificates, and conſequently that the Truth of thoſe Cures was not much to be relied upon, and the advertiſing of them only a Trick for Quacks to get Money: But what is ſo juſt or fair that it cannot be perverted, or ill conſtrued by the Malice of Envious Perſons; it is ſufficient, that it is not probable, that People who were only cured of an inconſiderable Cold of hardly a Fortnights ſtanding, ſhould tell the World, that they had been afflicted with a Rheumatiſm that had laſted very near a Twelvemonth; or that, if People had ever had Sight enough to diſtinguiſh one Man from another by it, their Mothers upon the Requeſt of an Oculiſt, ſhould make Oath before a Magiſtrate, that they could never ſee at all. From what I have ſaid it is evident, that to make our Knowledge Beneficial, it is requiſite, we ſhould uſe the means of letting others know that we have it; but ſhould it be objected, that when People extol their own Merit, and are always dwelling on, and praiſing their dear ſelves, by all wiſe People they are call'd *Braggadocio's*, and counted Fools for their pains, I wou'd anſwer, that this is only to to be fear'd in People of Ordinary Capacities, but that it holds not in thoſe of a more exalted Genius: By their excellency they are exempt from thoſe common Rules and little Niceties of Decency and good Breeding, and conſcious of their own worth, not aſhamed to ſpeak it: Of this I could give many Inſtances among the Antients, as well as the Modern; but I ſhall content my ſelf with only naming two or three that are very obvious.

The greateſt *Roman* Orator would rather leave to Poſterity an undeniable Proof of his being but a very indifferent Poet, than not let the People of *Rome* know how much they were beholden to him, or elſe he would never have ſaid:

O! Fortunatam natam me Conſule Romam!

If the learned *Bickerſtaff* had entertained a leſs Opinion of himſelf than from his Works, we have reaſon to think, the World muſt have been deſtitute of the greateſt part of his Lucubrations. It is remarkable of that Pattern of Human Wiſdom; when his Friends, by the *Mark* he had given them for that purpoſe, diſcovering, that ſome of his Papers began to be very full of *hidden Deſign*, were afraid, that the vaſt Reputation of 'em might ſink; how effectually in his *Tatler* of the Third of this Month he diſpels their Fears, and how boldly he reaſſures them, with that excellent Panegyrick upon himſelf, contained in the rural Epiſtle ſent him from a Friend out of the Country: Had the Squire been a mean Spirited Modeſt Man, he would, doubting of his own Deſerts, and ſuſpecting we might poſſibly think that he had made it himſelf, never have dared to inſert it in his Paper, and ſo deprived us of ſuch an admirable Piece, and conſequently of his incomparable Comment upon it, to which the greateſt part of its Luſtre is owing. It is incredible how becoming, nay how Beautiful this Aſſurance, and Setting forth of their own Praiſe and Greatneſs is in Perſons of

extraordinary Merit. This puts me in mind of a Saying of *Julius Cæsar*, who, when in agreat Storm, the Master of the Vessel that carried him was afraid of sinking his Ship, if he went on any further, reassured his amorous Commander by his noble Confidence.

Cæsarem vehis, et Fortunam ejus.

From my Drawing-Room.

Yesterday I received the following Letter.

Madam.

'I Am a Gentleman of a very good Estate, and wou'd have made some Love Addresses to your Nice *Arabella*, but my Back not being made so strait as some 'People's are, I have never yet spoke to her, but she 'fell a Laughing like an Impertinent Fool, as she is: I 'desire you would not only reprove her in particular, for so great a Breach of good Manners, but 'likewise (she not being the first that has served me so) 'oblige the Publick with some short Essay against that 'abominable Rudeness ridiculing of People for bodily 'Infirmities, which it is not in their Power to mend.

Your humble Servant.

CURVINO.

Arabella is my Brother's Daughter, a Beautiful Young Woman, that has lived with me from her Infancy, having bestowed a very good Education upon her, I love her very well, and was sorry to hear, but could not believe, that she had been guilty of that height of Incivility. When the Letter came she happened to be Abroad, but having shew'd it her as soon as she was come in, I wonder'd to hear her own the Charge, without any Hesitation, or making the least excuse for so much ill Manners: Seeing I was very angry, she very obligingly, before I could speak, desired to be heard first. *Curvino*, said she, is a Gentleman, that besides the Misfortune of being Hump Back'd has very long Limbs, that are yet more remarkably Slender; his Body is extreamly short, he has no Neck, and his Head is very large: So much for his Shape; as to his Understanding and Estate they are neither of 'em despicable: He wears very rich Cloaks, but Summer or Winter never appears in Sight without a Loose Great Coat over them, with Three or four Pleats in the Back of it, and let what Wigs will be in the Fashion, he is never seen in any other than a large Broad *Spanish* One Covering his Back and Shoulders, which like a huge Fleece he carries upon all the rest. I confess that I can't forbear laughing when I see him; not because he is Coooked or ill shaped, and I hope you don't think me so rude or so Silly; what I laugh at in him is the vast Concern a Man must have for an Infirmity, for which he is no ways answerable, when knowingly he puts himself in a Ridiculous Dress, and takes such uncommon Pains, in hopes of covering what his Reason might tell him could never be hid; his Misfortune being so conspicuous throughout his whole Make, that without seeing his Back, whoever views him Before, may be assured he is crooked Behind.

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